Murphysboro City Council Meeting December 9, 2014

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 9th day of December, 2014. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Pastor Jerry Hickam led the council in prayer. Following the invocation, Mayor Stephens led the council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor Stephens then directed Deputy City Clerk Ripley to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

Present: Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Danny Bratton,

Sandi Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Absent: Mark Costa

Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 10, 2014 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Brown

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #558 through December 5, 2014, accounts receivable through December 5, 2014 and payroll through December 5, 2014. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Pierson

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no requests or comments from the audience.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Budget & Finance Committee meeting of December 9, 2014.

Motion: To approve paying Accounts Payable Register #556, #557 and #558 through December 5, 2014.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Pierson

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve increasing the water rates by 2% effective January 1, 2015.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Bratton

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. Alderman Bullar opposed, all others were in

favor.

Motion carried.

Alderman Hughes outlined the two proposals for General Liability Insurance.

Motion: To approve the general liability coverage proposal from HCC.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Brown

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve a Resolution for Participation in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve placing the proposed 2015 Budget on display.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Ardrey

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Community Relations Committee meeting of December 9, 2014.

No action taken.

Public Works Committee meeting of December 9, 2014

Motion: To approve amendment to Agreement for Engineering Services (New WWTP Project).

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Brown

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the request to vacate Jeffery Street and "I" street next to Silkworm.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the 2015 MFT General Maintenance Resolution.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bratton

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Building and Grounds Committee meeting of November 24, 2014

Motion: To approve holding a contest among the grade school kids to decide on a new name for Town Center Park.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Brown

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve to rent Town Center Park for a \$100 refundable clean up/damage deposit.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman McComb

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve to advertise for bid the Lindell Street property with specifications for rehabilitation at a minimum bid of \$2500.

Motion by Alderman Pierson Second by Alderman Bratton

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Public Improvement Committee meeting of November 24, 2014.

Motion: To approve to pursue soliciting the county, the chamber of commerce, Jackson Growth Alliance and Bemis for an approximate \$3,000 donation to purchase items to include in the promotion for a new tenant for the Curwood Building.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Hughes

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Chamber Director, Bruce Wallace, provided the City Council with an update on various items. Mr. Wallace indicated that the banner project was completely sold with ordering and installation occurring in early 2015. Mr. Wallace also informed the Council about a Shop Southern Illinois program that had been developed among 10 chambers in the area. The Urban Design Planning Models were also discussed. Mr. Wallace would like a group of citizens nominated by the Mayor or Council to meet quarterly to review ideas and present back to the Council.

Public Safety Committee meeting of November 24, 2014

Motion: To approve to pay only the \$14,000 we are obligated for towards the purchase of a new fire truck.

Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Bratton

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. Alderman Hughes opposed, all others were in favor.

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve a No Parking sign on the south side of the 1600 Block of Gartside.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Seconded by Alderman Bratton

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve to forward the information and request for replacement of dispatch equipment to budget and finance committee for further information/discussion.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Seconded by Alderman Bastien

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Stephens advised the Council that ExteNet has had some delays with the original fiber project. Tim Asta from ExteNet detailed those delays. A revised agreement has been prepared for consideration. Mr. Asta stated that our City Attorneys have reviewed the agreement, suggested some corrections and have approved the final document.

Motion: To approve the revised ExteNet agreement outlining the dark fiber project.

Motion by Alderman Bastien Seconded by Alderman Brown

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Attorney Blake advised that the approval from the Murphysboro Park District was received to be able to transfer property adjacent to them. The necessary paperwork was completed by the Park District and has been received by the City. We must not pass a resolution and an ordinance to complete our side of the transfer.

Motion: To approve a Resolution to authorize the transfer of surplus property to the Murphysboro Park District.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Seconded by Alderman McComb

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve an Ordinance vacating the streets and alleys adjoining the Murphysboro Park District property.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Seconded by Alderman Bullar

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Mayor Stephens opened bids that were received as a result of the advertisement of surplus property being available. The bids received were as follows:

- 114 North 14th Street Lindsey Ingle, DDS \$2601.00
- 815 Maple Street Bob & Trudi Worthen \$956.67
- 2239 Commercial Avenue Bertha House \$900.00

Alderman McComb inquired if we could see the properties that did not receive a bid as the Council saw fit. Attorney Blake advised that they must be bid at the original minimum amount set. Mayor Stephens advised that we could not take formal action on the bids as the item was not on the agenda and so that the transfer documents could be prepared.

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Barbara Hughes nothing

Vicki Ardrey stated that the special City Council minutes from November

20th still needs to be approved. Ms. Ardrey further expressed her unhappiness with the special meeting and the way that the

Teamsters contract was approved.

Bill Pierson nothing

Mike Bastien nothing

Dan Bratton stated that Walnut Street was looking good and wished

everyone a Merry Christmas

Sandi Bullar nothing

Russell Brown nothing

Gary McComb nothing

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Richard Blake nothing

Sandra Ripley nothing

Harold Sheffer nothing

Steve Swafford nothing

Ed Reiman nothing

Eric Kennedy nothing

Tim Lee nothing

Brian Manwaring nothing

Darrin Mills nothing

Jim Stewart nothing

Scott Evans nothing

Mayor Stephens asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss the potential sale of real estate.

Motion: To go into executive session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (6) the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Seconded by Alderman Bastien

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

No action taken

Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman Bastien Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.